

OSD and Student Organizations Profile

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Definition of Student Organizations:

“Student organizations are voluntary student groups organized for educational, social, and service purposes. A student organization can and may also be referred to or classified as a club, group, association, conference, union, senate, board, or league. The Student Government and corresponding student groups are part of the broader AUC Community, and in their operations they are constrained by the general University policies, as reflected in the most recent AUC Catalog, AUC Student Handbook, and elsewhere, as by the Egyptian law.” The student organizations operate through the constitution passed by the general assembly.

<http://www.aucegypt.edu/studentlife/involve/gov/Documents/ConstitutionStudentBodyAUC2012.pdf>

The Office of Student Development (OSD)

The OSD is responsible for supervising all aspects of student organizations’ operations at the AUC, including any and all operations of the Student Government and all corresponding student clubs. OSD works on ensuring that all student organizations function within university guidelines provisions and those of the “Permanent Constitution of the General Assembly”.

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OSD’s Mission:

“To prepare AUC students to become responsible and well-rounded citizens in order to face the challenges of the real world. This is achieved by guiding, mentoring and coaching them through extracurricular activities and student-run organizations. That, in turn, enhances their capabilities, cultivates among them a sense of social responsibility and understanding of differences, and improves their academic and leadership skills. This is achieved with OSD staff in collaboration with faculty advisors, other Student Affairs departments and other relevant university departments”.

OSD's Staff responsibilities:

1. **Coordinating** all logistical and financial aspects of the student groups' activities with other University administrative offices, in order to ensure policy compliance.
2. **Ensuring** that all activities abide by the University rules and regulations and the constitutions of the respective organizations.
3. **Increasing** faculty involvement in student activities on campus, which allows them to explore some out-of-class learning opportunities for their students.
4. **Training** students' leaders through supporting conferences, workshops, and retreats that enhance their organizational and leadership skills within available resources.
5. **Coaching** students' leaders by keeping close personal contacts with them in regards to matters related to their activities. In this sense, OSD staff, alongside with faculty advisors, act as mentors for students' leaders.
6. **Monitoring** and supporting students' activities, in order to ensure that risk is minimized. In addition, OSD assures adherence to safety and security standards.
7. **Participating** in organizing the orientation programs held for newly admitted students every semester.
8. **Promoting a** sense of social responsibility in students, through various community service projects carried out by student organizations in conjunction with other civil society organizations in the greater community.

Student Organization Directory:

A listing for all the active student organizations at any semester is available at this link. The page provides you with the description of the organization, contact information and information pertaining to the current president assuming the position

<http://www.aucegypt.edu/studentlife/involve/org/Pages/home.aspx>